

Church News

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Presbyterian element there, the church seems to be prospering. They have a good, commodious building and a live, active, energetic, earnest young man for a pastor, Rev. Charles L. Power. The membership being so few, they are not able to pay their pastor a living salary, but if supplemented by the Home Missions Committee, the church's usefulness is assured.

Floydada: On last Sunday three valuable members were received into the Floydada Church and W. M. Colville was installed as ruling elder.

The Presbytery of Paris met in called meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Texas, December 13, 1909, at 8 p. m. The following business was transacted: Received Rev. T. M. Stribling from the Presbytery of Fort Worth and granted him the privilege of supplying Commerce, Cooper and Campbell Churches. Rev. W. I. Carroll was received from the Lone Star Association of Churches, and accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Texas. The following commission was appointed to install him, the time to be decided by the church and the commission. Rev. W. K. Johnston to preside and propound the questions, Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., to charge the people, Rev. Jno. A. Williams to charge the pastor, and Ruling Elder A. J. Schardon, and that the Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., be invited to preach the sermon. Rev. George C. Moore was granted permission to labor in our bounds and to supply Golden Rule, Waskom, Tatum and Center Churches, until the next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Dewitte Burkhead Bell, a member of Tyler First Church, was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and the Committee on Ministerial Education was authorized to apply for aid for him. He will enter the Austin Theological Seminary in February. Rev. D. M. McIver, of the Presbytery of Ouachita, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Jno. E. McLean, S. C.

Tyler: The Session of First Church received into the membership of the Church on Sabbath, December 5, five members by letter, and four baptized children of the Covenant. At a meeting of the session on the following night it was decided to build a new building costing \$20,000. Our laymen are planning to raise this money by a banquet to be given December 28. Recently Mr. Dewitte Bell, a member of this church, has offered himself for the ministry and will enter the Seminary in February.

Correspondent.

Spur: On November 29, Rev. J. F. Lloyd, of Floydada, organized a church in Spur, a new town in Dickens county, at the terminus of the Stamford and Northwestern railroad. F. W. Jennings was elected, ordained and installed as elder. On the first day of November, the

Spur ranch containing six hundred and seventy-six sections (or 432,640 acres) of land was placed on the market for settlement. On that day six hundred lots were sold upon which the town is being built. Fifteen days after the sale of the lots, one hundred and fifteen houses were built or in process of construction. Six large lumber yards could supply the two hundred carpenters with building material. Perhaps one-half or one-third of the people are still living in tents, while the carpenters' hammer can be heard until a late hour at night. They have now twenty-five or thirty business houses and others are being constructed. The town claims six or eight hundred population. The Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians all expected to organize churches on Sunday, the 18th, but the Baptists having an appointment on Saturday night, took the advantage of the occasion and organized. The people were kept indoors all day Sunday by a constant downpour of rain, but the Presbyterians organized between showers on Monday. The Campbellies were to organize the following Sunday. The Methodists and Baptists have secured lots and will build churches in the near future. Lots have also been offered to the Presbyterians. This town is a sample of the opportunity for Home Mission work in the West.

Texarkana: Rev. W. Irving Carroll, D. D., was received into the Presbytery of Paris at a called meeting assembled in the First Church for that purpose on Monday evening, December 13th last. A call was placed in his hands to become pastor of the First Church and accepted by him and he has now begun his work. Dr. Carroll comes to us from the First Congregational Church of Dallas, Texas. He is a preacher of unusual consecration and power; the membership of the church is rallying unanimously to him, and the religious life of this city, by reason of his influence and his presence, is experiencing a marked revival of energy and zeal. There is every indication that his work here will prove unusually successful, and his installation at a later time will take place amid the enthusiasm and affection of all the people. Dr. Carroll, for a number of years, was assistant pastor of the church in Dallas of which Dr. C. I. Scofield was the principal. Dr. Scofield's absence for long periods in connection with the editing of his Bible, made Dr. Carroll really the active pastor of the large Dallas church. Out of compliment to Dr. Scofield and his relationship toward Dr. Carroll, the Presbytery invited him to preach the sermon on the day that Dr. Carroll will be installed as the pastor here.

VIRGINIA.

Christiansburg: Rev. L. C. Vass on December 13 delivered his illustrated lecture on the Congo Free State. His pictures show very clearly the horrible conditions that have disgraced the Belgian rule on the Congo. All churches expecting a visit from Mr. Vass have a great privilege in store.

The East Hanover Presbytery held a meeting yesterday, and at the request of Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, transferred him from the pastorate of the Tabb Street Church of Petersburg to Birmingham, Ala. His successor has not as yet been named. Dr. F. T. McFaden, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, will hold services at the Tabb Street Church until another minister can be secured. Dr. Foster will not leave until after the second Sunday in January.—Times-Dispatch.

Union Seminary: Intermediate examinations began at the Seminary December 14 and will continue until December 23, when the first term of the present session closes. In addition to the regular work that is offered by the Seminary, Dr. Gilmour has introduced this year an interesting and very helpful course on "The Church and Social Questions," that will doubtless prove to be of great value, and the friends of the Seminary will be glad to see this further effort to correlate the course of instruction with the practical work of the ministry that our young men may go out prepared to grapple with the problems that will confront them. Dr. Rice has been giving the Senior Class a very fine course of lectures on the pastor in his various relations to his church, such as "The Pastor and the Sabbath School," "The Pastor and Young People's Societies," etc., a course for which he is exceptionally well fitted by his own large and successful experience as a pastor.

Oak View: This has been a mission point of the Rough Creek Church (Charlotte county) for a number of years. The house is the old Bethlehem church, given when they built a new church. Dr. Hugh A. Brown first supplied them while preaching at Rough Creek. Messrs. Campbell, Paisley and Anderson have done work there. Rev. J. L. McNair has given them an occasional sermon. The present pastor has been preaching for them since June. A recent meeting resulted in twenty professions of faith. A commission will meet on the fifth Sabbath of January to organize a new church.

B. F. Bedinger.

Timber Ridge Church: Sunday, December 12, 1909, was a delightful day to many of us, when at the afternoon service in the chapel at Decatur, thirty-four members were received into the church and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. A two weeks' meeting was recently conducted by the pastor and we all rejoice in the fruits, a large part of which were reaped at this service. This brings the total membership of the church up to high-water mark, namely, 326. One of "our boys," Mr. William A. Reveley, now working in West Virginia, preached an excellent sermon in the main church in the morning, and made a fine impression on the congregation. This church, which has given some of her sons to the ministry in home and foreign lands in the past, is still bringing forth the same kind of fruit.

Waynesboro: This church has enjoyed greatly visits from the "brethren" in the ministry. We are indebted to Dr. W. N. Scott, the genial, efficient and popular